

Resolution 2007- 15

(Requires a simple majority to approve)

Synopsis: In Resolution 7, approved in 1954, the Grand Lodge provided for an advance of \$500 to new Lodges. One of its requirements is that the Lodge be composed of no less than twenty-five (25) brothers. Resolution 12, approved in 1959, added further conditions.

In 1954, the average household income was \$3,960, a home cost \$10,250 to \$22,000, a postage stamp was \$0.03 and a new car cost from \$1,548 to \$2,415.

In 2007, the averages are about, if not more than, 10 times those costs.

Conclusion: If there are 25 worthy brothers in Arizona who have the energy, commitment and motivation to start a new Lodge, increasing the amount of funds available to those brothers is warranted.

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the Arizona Masonic Code be amended by adding a new Regulation No. 43 and abrogating Approved Resolutions 7 & 12, as follows (added text in **bold type**, deletions in ~~striketrough~~):

Regulation No. 43. The Grand Lodge may advance to any new Lodge formed hereafter by twenty five (25) or more Brethren the sum of \$5,000 upon delivery of a dispensation of such Lodge, to be repaid, without interest, within five years. The contribution may be made only if said Lodge shall have made application to the Grand Trustees and that the Grand Trustees, having first determined that the requesting Lodge is qualified, shall have communicated to the Grand Secretary their approval of the same.

Resolution 7 (1954-72). ~~That this Grand Lodge may advance to any new Lodge formed hereafter by twenty five (25) or more Brethren the sum of \$500.00 upon the delivery of a dispensation of such Lodge, to be repaid, without interest, within five years.~~ **Abrogated 2007.**

Resolution 12 (1959-387). ~~The contribution to newly formed Lodges (see 1954 Annual Report, page 72) is here affirmed but made operative only if said Lodge shall have made application to the Grand Trustees and that the Grand Trustees, having first determined that the requesting Lodge is qualified, shall have communicated to the Grand Secretary their approval of the same.~~ **Abrogated 2007.**

Respectfully Submitted,
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